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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. I WILL BE AWAY FOR ABOUT A WEEK BEGINNING WEDNESDAY.
BOB WILL BE IN CHARGE.

2. REF PARA 4 MOSCOW 13670, ARAM SAFARYAN CASE WILL BE
A LONG UPHILL BATTLE, AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO HOPE
FOR RESOLVING IT IN NEAR FUTURE. AS TOUGH AS IT MAY
SEEM, HE SHOULD PROBABLY GO BACK HOME AND TRY TO STAY
WITH RELATIVES AND GO BACK TO WORK. THE ONLY WAY TO TRY
RPT TRY TO ENABLE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN TO APPLY FOR NP-1
IMMIGRANT VISAS APPEARS TO BE TO CONTACT THE U.S. RELATIVES
AND ADVISE THEM TO (A) TRY TO GET A LABOR CERTIFICATION
APPROVED FOR HER, OR (B) PROVIDE SUPPORT EVIDENCE SO
THAT SHE CAN TRY TO APPLY AS NOT NEEDING A LABOR CERTIFI-
CATION BECAUSE SHE WILL NOT BE ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE.
WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT THE U.S. RELATIVES TO EXPLAIN
THIS TO THEM. IF THE NP-1 EFFORT FAILS, WHICH APPEARS
LIKELY, WE WONDER IF INS ROME WILL PROCESS HER FOR
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CONDITIONAL ENTRY IN LIGHT OF ITS STAND IN THE MERKHER

CASE. (WE ARE FOLLOWING UP ON MOSCOW 13204 WITH VO AND SCA.) IF SHE CAN GET HERE AS A CONDITIONAL ENTRANT, SHE

WILL OF COURSE BECOME A PERMANENT RESIDENT AFTER TWO YEARS.

3. REF MOSCOW 13495 PARAS 5 AND 6 AND THE COURIER PROBLEMS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LENINGRAD, WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL THAT MFA DOES NOT THINK WE ARE OFFERING A TRADE-OF-F. WE PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION AT THE SF AIRPORT. MFA MAY SUSPECT WE CREATED THE SF SCREENING REQUIREMENT TO PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO COOPERATE IN LENINGRAD, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THE SITUATION IN SF IS APPARENTLY DUE TO A ZEALOUS LOCAL FAA OFFICIAL WHO THREATENS TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS WHICH FAA OFFICIALS AT DULLES AND JFK ARE WILLING TO HANDLE FLEXIBLY.

4. JOHN HEMENWAY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AT WHICH HE ACCUSED THE DEPARTMENT OF COVERING UP THE DANGERS OF THE MICROWAVES. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SOVIET EFFORT IS TO DAMAGE U.S. PERSONNEL, AND SAID THE KINDS OF MICROWAVES THE SOVIETS USE CAUSE MALIGNANCIES, DAMAGE TO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, CATARACTS, BLOOD PROBLEMS, HEART ATTACKS, ETC. HE WENT ON TO ACCUSE PEOPLE IN AFSA OF WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM HIM AND CONCLUDED SAYING HE WOULD POLL FORMER MOSCOW PERSONNEL TO LEARN OF ILLNESSES CAUSED BY RADIATION AND TEST SUPPORT FOR A CLASS ACTION SUIT TO FORCE US TO RELEASE INFORMATION WE ARE NOW CONCEALING AND COMPENSATE THOSE WHO WERE INJURED. THE TEXTS ARE LENGTHY AND WE ARE POUCHING THEM (UNLESS YOU WANT A FULL TEXT). HE GOT LITTLE ATTENTION FROM THE PRESS. AP RAN A BRIEF ITEM, NO PAPERS WE HAVE SEEN CARRIED IT. IT DREW A DESULTORY QUESTION AND EQUALLY DESULTORY RESPONSE AT THE NOON BRIEFING.

5. ON YOUR 13742, DIANA ASKED US TO PASS ON HER APPRECIATION AND WONDERS IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE AROUND WHICH MIGHT INDICATE THAT CHANGE IS IN THE AIR. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN STICKING TO THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW ON LEADERSHIP QUESTIONS EVERY SINCE YOU PUT US BACK ON THE RIGHT
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PATH LAST YEAR, WE WONDER WHETHER LOUIS' DENIAL AND UNAVAILABILITY MIGHT NOT BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT HE GOT THE STORY WRONG.

6. ON EXHIBIT BROCHURE, THE APPROACH BEING TRIED OUT ON KEOGH TODAY IS THAT AMBASSADOR GO IN AT "VERY HIGH HIGH LEVEL" AND SAY THAT WE WON'T CHANGE BROCHURE, NOTING THAT SOVIET FAILURE TO LET US DISTRIBUTE WILL BECOME

PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND WILL EMBARASS SOVIETS. WE DON'T SEE THAT THERE IS MUCH CHANCE OF EMBARASSING THEM AND DON'T PARTICULARLY FAVOR AN ALL-OUT APPROACH. PLEASE

DON'T BOUNCE THIS OFF RAY--BUT WE'D LIKE YOUR VIEWS. WE AGREE, OF COURSE, ABOUT THE UNFORTUNATE JUXTAPOSITION BUT USIA IS ONLY VAGUELY REPENTANT. AI FOR JULY IS NOW ON TRUCKS EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW, SO WE HAVE THAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AS WELL.

7. OUR PROPOSAL FOR TALKING TO MOSCOW ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS WAS REJECTED AT A HIGH LEVEL ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS PREMATURE. THE TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT EXPLAINS WHY, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T EXPECT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. A ROUTINE CALL MAY BE WORTHWHILE NEXT WEEK.

8. WE THOUGHT MOSCOW 13589 WAS A GOOD PIECE, PROVIDING A GOOD SOURCE COMMENT ON THE DECLARATION ON LEBANON. A TIMELY SUBJECT WELL HANDLED. ROBINSON

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